Themes and Key Learnings from System Review and Analysis and Community/Tribal Partners

Cross-cutting issues show that challenges are shared across sites and by many counties. Key findings can be organized by the thematic areas addressed by the practice model and include:

EXPLORATION and ENGAGEMENT

 The need for practitioners to more effectively prioritize child and family supports and better engage families, youth and caregivers.

POWER of FAMILY

 The need to demonstrate respect for family structure and increase parent and youth voice in decision-making.

HEALING TRAUMA

 The need to lift up and focus on the layers of trauma experienced by children and families, including the personal history of trauma and the trauma of child welfare interventions in the lives of families, communities and tribes.

CIRCLE of SUPPORT

- The need to prioritize informal supports for children and their families and the need to partner with communities and tribes to more effectively support their children.
- The need for supports and services that are well-coordinated and more individualized to the family's culture and needs.

